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Gen. Youmans Dead.

The Distinguished Lawyer and Brilliant Orator Passed Away at his Home in Columbia Monday Morning.

Condensed from Monday evening's Columbia Record: Ripe in years and wisdom, honored and beloved throughout his state, for his public services and his private worth, Leroy F. Youmans, attorney general of South Carolina, passed peacefully away early this morning, his tired head resting upon the shoulder of his devoted wife, who has been his companion in the truest sense for more than half a century.

LeRoy F. Youmans, the present attorney general, was graduated from the South Carolina college in 1852, and was admitted to the bar in 1856. He entered the military service in the war of secession as first lieutenant of a company of mounted riflemen, from St. Luke's parish, of which John H. Screven was captain. His service in the army continued to the close of the war, at which time he was a lieutenant in Company E, of the Third South Carolina cavalry. Though elected to a seat in the house of representatives in 1862 and in 1864, he never availed himself of the exemption from military service, which such election afforded.

In 1866 he was appointed by Governor Orr to be solicitor of the Southern circuit, was afterwards elected by the legislature, and held that office until displaced, in 1868, by the institution of the government organized under the reconstruction acts of congress.

In 1870 an effort was made, in the "Union Reform movement," to drive out Scott and his party in control of the state government, by a conciliatory and "compromise" policy—Judge R. B. Carpenter, a Republican, being the nominee for governor and Gen. M. C. Butler that for lieutenant governor. A thorough canvass of the several counties was made, and Mr. Youmans did his share in stumping the state.

In 1872 Mr. Youmans located in Columbia for the practice of his profession—having for some years previous had his office at Edgefield. In the campaign of 1876 he took the stump for the Democratic ticket headed by Wade Hampton.

In December, 1877, on the resignation of James Connor, Mr. Youmans was elected by the legislature to the office of attorney general. He was elected by a vote of the people in 1878, and re-elected in 1889—having in each case received the Democratic nomination. During his service as attorney general matters of greatest importance to the people came before the courts for adjudication.

In 1885 Mr. Youmans was ap

pointed by President Cleveland to be United States attorney for the district of South Carolina.

Mr. Youmans sat on the bench in both the circuit and supreme court, by special appointment. In those stations he so acquitted himself as to give entire satisfaction to lawyers and litigants alike.

On the resignation of Mr. Townsend, in 1905, Attorney General Gunter tendered to Mr. Youmans the post of assistant. Accepting the appointment, he entered actively upon his duties—the lamentable disability of Mr. Gunter necessitating the doing of all the work by his assistant. Succeeding Mr. Gunter, Mr. Youmans had since had charge of the business of the office.

The McLees-Thornwell Marriage in Fort Mill.

Fort Mill special in Saturday's Observer: At the prettiest home wedding ever witnessed in this town Miss Julie Earle Thornwell became the bride of Rev. Richard Gustavus McLees last evening at the home of the bride, on Confederate street. The entire house was decorated in chrysanthemums, palms, ferns and potted plants. At exactly 7:30 Mrs. C. S. Link began playing the beautiful "Flower Song," and Messrs L. T. Baker, of Columbia, and J. D. Fulp, of Winnsboro, unrolled the white carpet from the altar to the parlor door. Then Miss Frances Thornwell sang very sweetly the sweet song, "Answer." From this the music was changed to the suggestive strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding march. Revs. J. H. Thornwell, father of the bride, and J. L. McLees, of Orangeburg, took their places in front of the happy couple. On each side were the bridesmaids and the groomsmen and at the immediate left of the bride was the maid of honor, Miss Mary Thornwell, sister of the bride, who gave her away. At the right of the groom was the best man, Rev. F. G. Wardlaw. Dr. J. H. Thornwell performed the beautiful ring service, assisted by Rev. J. L. McLees, of Orangeburg.

Woman Guilty of Murder.

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 1.—Mrs. Harriet Meulter, charged with the murder of her husband, whom she killed at Pulaski, Va., in a quarrel several weeks ago, was today found guilty of murder in the second degree and sentenced to 18 years in prison.

Negro Killed in Alabama for Usual Crime.

Huntsville, Ala., Dec. 2.—Caleb Brown, a negro, criminally assaulted a white woman on the streets here today. Brown was seen to commit the crime by a policeman, who shot him, but he made his escape. Later he was found dead at his home.

Anarchy in Kentucky.

Mob of Two Hundred Masked Men Enter Town and Commit Great Depredations.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 1.—The town of Princeton, Ky., was invaded at 1 o'clock this morning by 200 masked men, who, after disarming two police officers, taking possession of the telephone exchange and terrorizing the citizens by firing hundreds of shots, set fire to the tobacco stemmeries of James G. Orr & Co. and J. A. Stegor, which were entirely destroyed, entailing a loss of more than \$100,000. The buildings were also dynamited and no one was permitted to approach the scene of destruction.

After the mob had completed its work the members rode away in the direction of Hopkinsville, riddling the front of the postoffice with bullets as they passed. The fire department turned out, but was unable to render any service other than to stop the flames from spreading to adjoining residences. In addition to being masked the horsemen wore on their breasts a piece of cloth cut in the shape of a tobacco leaf. Their approach was heralded by the discharge of pistols, and when the people who had been aroused appeared at doors or windows they were ordered to remain in their homes.

The two policemen were next deprived of their weapons and placed under guard. Two girls on duty at the telephone exchange were compelled to leave and the building was guarded by several of the invaders.

Five Men Killed by Dynamite Explosion in Virginia.

A special from Clinchport, Va., says:

A report reached here through a reliable source late this afternoon that five men, including a foreman and four foreigners, had been killed by an explosion of dynamite in a cut in which blasting was being done, on the construction work of the Southwest ern railroad, several miles from this place.

The report states that several blasts had been fired, when the men, thinking all had exploded, returned to cut, when two blasts whose fuses had burned slowly exploded, resulting in the death of all the men in the cut.

Great Excitement in Texas Town.

Del Rio, Texas, Dec. 2.—C. R. Cauthorn, one of the most prominent sheep men in this section, was found dead in his buggy today three miles from Del Rio, with a bullet in his heart. This is the second murder within two days and the entire city is greatly excited. Several mobs are working independently of the Rangers, who have been called out. Bloodhounds are also being used.

Another Fatal Wreck—Four Killed and Many Injured.

Vergennes, Vt., Dec. 1.—Disaster fell to the passengers of a train on the Rutland Railroad near this station today, when a heavily loaded gravel train, moving slowly on a down grade, crashed into it from the rear. Three women passengers were either killed outright or burned to death in the fire which followed, fourth has since died of her injuries, and at least twelve persons were seriously injured.

Fatal Quarrel Over Trunks.

Quincy, Ill., Dec. 2.—In a quarrel today over receipts for a theatrical performance given at Lagrange, Mo., Constable Hosea Duvall was shot and killed and Constable James E. Rohon and Orion K. Stuart, an actor, were fatally wounded, while Roy Millard, an actor, was shot through the body and the arm. Rohon and Duvall were levying on trunks claimed by Gilbert Donaldson, owner of the show. Stuart and Millard are alleged to have begun the shooting.

Serious Charges against Young White Men in Laurens.

Laurens special in Greenville News: The preliminary was held here today in the case of the State against C. A. Campbell, the white man, charged with breach of trust on a warrant sworn out several days ago by former Senator O. P. Goodwin. Campbell was bound over for trial at the sessions court.

Campbell was a clerk in the store of Goodwin. The testimony is purely circumstantial and is based on what was in the store and what should have been in it.

Ike F. Ray, a well known young white man, of Jack Township, was arrested today on a warrant sworn out by one Cooper, of Whittemire, Newberry county, charged with disposing of crop under lein. Ray belongs to one of the most prominent families in this county. Particulars have not been learned.

Woman Sentenced to Prison.

Gadsden, Ala., Dec. 1.—The jury in the Yolande Degg case today found the defendant guilty as charged, and fixed her punishment at twenty-three years in the penitentiary. Yolande Degg was convicted of murdering Aubrey Womack on December 31, 1904.

Hunting Season Fatalities.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—The Tribune says: "Seventy-four deaths and 79 persons injured, some so serious that death may result, is the record of the fatalities for the hunting season throughout the country."

The Methodist Conference.

No Adjournment Monday Night—Delay due to Creighton Case—Lander College Accepted.

From Yesterday's Columbia State.

The South Carolina conference has not adjourned. Bishop A. W. Wilson has gone to the North Carolina conference and Rev. Dr. Mark L. Carlisle has been designated as presiding officer of the conference.

The delay in adjournment is due to the trial of Rev. C. W. Creighton. This case is not yet ended and conference cannot adjourn until the case is closed. The appointments for next year cannot be made until the trial committee submits its report.

The work of conference yesterday was very interesting. The matter which elicited principal discussion was the question of whether or not Lander college should be accepted by conference. It was decided by a vote of 80 to 76 to accept the offer of the college. The principal opposition came from the friends of Columbia college, who have no opposition to Lander college, but want conference to be free from all indebtedness before undertaking a new proposition.

Killing in Mississippi.

Valley Park, Miss., December 2.—A. F. Middah, a prominent real estate man of Chicago, was today shot and instantly killed by Wes Young, a negro. It is believed Young intended to kill W. G. Grubbs, who was accompanying Middah at the time of the killing. Young escaped and is being followed by a mob, determined to deal summarily with him.

Englishmen to Buy Cotton Land.

New Orleans, December 1.—was announced today by Col. M. Welch, in charge Gould system immigration bureau in this city, that representatives of the Lancashire Cotton Association, who have completed a tour of the state, have practically decided to lease a 5,000 acre cotton land each in Louisiana, Mississippi, with a view and shipping cotton mills in Lancashire.

—Ben Green, a Lancaster negro, recovered a verdict in the Yorkville court last week against the Southern Power company for \$900, damages for injuries received while in the employ of the company. Messrs Green & Hines, of Lancaster, and T. F. McDow, Esq., of Yorkville, represented the plaintiff.